Machad road.

150. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what amount out of Rs. 5,000 allowed for a road from 12/2 of the Trichur—Shoranur road to Machad and other places has been spent in 1105 and for what purpose ;

(b) at what stage the road sanctioned to Machad from 11/7 of Shoranur road now stands ;

(c) has the Government any idea of taking this road to join the Trichur—Thanikudam road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Owing to petitions, counter-petitions, suggestions from Legislative Council Members, Panchayat Presidents and members, and others, the question of the alignment of the road couldnot be finally decided in 1105. The amount was therefore taken to general savings and utilised for other works.

(b) The work has been let on contract and orders are issued to start the same.

(c) This will be considered after completing the works in the locality.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-division (b). Is there any proposal to change the alignment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was some complaint. It is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So does the Government say that the alignment at present arranged is not to be taken up now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Final orders have not been received.

Kodakara—Kallettumkara road.

151. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Govment be pleased to state :—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the most unsatisfactory condition of the Kodakara—Kallettumkara road at present;

(2) have they come to know that the traffic has greatly increased through this road on account of the collapse of the Karuvannur bridge ;

(3) what action have they taken to better the condition of this road ;

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

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(3) The Chief Engineer is taking action to repair the bad portions of the road. An estimate has been prepared therefor.

Erosion in Craganur, Edavilangu, etc.

152. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ, എടവിലങ്ങ് മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ ഭയങ്കരമായ കടലാക്രമണം തടുക്കുന്നതിനു് എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രവൃത്തിപ്പാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(b) ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പന്ത്രണ്ടു കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം എത്ര ഏക്കർ ഭൂമി നശിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—(a) കടലാക്രമണം തടുക്കേണ്ടുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ നിലയെപ്പറ്റി വിശദമായി ഫൻഫ മേയ് വയ -ാംനു-ത്തെ ഗസറു പരസ്യത്തിൽ കാണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(b) കഴിഞ്ഞ ഫഫ കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം ഉദ്ദേശം നൂറു ഏക്കറോളം ഭൂമി കടലെടുത്തുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Collapse of Karuvannur Bridge.

153. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the Karuvannur bridge collapsed;

(2) what arrangements have the Government made for the transport of passengers;

(3) what is the average number of passengers that were transhipped monthly after the collapse of the bridge;

(4) did the Overseer report to the Chief Engineer regarding the repair of the bridge; if so, what was his report?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The northernmost pier of the bridge collapsed on the 23rd September 1930.

(2) Ferry Service.

(3) The information is not readily available. But the number of persons transported during the 4 days following the collapse of the bridge is given below:—

9—2—1106	..	2798 persons.
10—2—1106	..	2691 ,,
11—2—1106	..	2836 ,,
12—2—1106	..	3190 ,,

(4) No.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is three months since the bridge collapsed. I want to know what arrangements have the Government made to repair the bridge.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The collapsed bridge is being reconstructed. Now there is a temporary pier.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the work begun?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. It will be completed within 10 days.

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